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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR MY FR
SUBJ: PM RAZAK'S VISIT TO FRANCE

1. REACTING TO PREMATURE DISCLOSURE IN LOCAL PRESS THAT PM RAZAK WILL VISIT FRANCE IN APRIL (REFTEL), FOLLOWING TERSE STATEMENT BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR ISSUED TO PRESS FEB. 4: BEGIN TEXT: MY ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO A LOCAL PRESS REPORT THAT THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER TUN ABDUL RAZAK DURING HIS PLANNED VISIT TO PARIS IS EXPECTED TO FINALIZE A TRADE PACT AND AN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE. I WISH TO SAY THAT THE CONCLUSION OF A TRADE PACT AND AN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF HAS DENIED THE REPORT THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS AN ARMS DEAL WITH FRANCE. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PENDING MALAYSIAN PURCHASES OF ARMS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM FRANCE, ALTHOUGH FRENCH HAVE AGGRESSIVELY SOUGHT MARKETS HERE AND IN OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. THUS, IT APPEARS PM RAZAK WILL CONFINE VISIT TO FRANCE AND PERHAPS OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS, NOTWITHSTANDING FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT PER SE IS NOT ANTICI-
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